

WARRANT ARTICLES

2010 Deliberative Meeting and Town Elections

You are hereby notified to meet at the Prospect Mountain High School on Wednesday the Fourth (4th) day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nine (2010), beginning at seven (7:00) o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of deliberating upon the following Warrant Articles and the Town elections to approve the warrant articles by ballot vote which will be held on March 10, 2010 at the Prospect Mountain High School from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm:

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for which there are vacancies, for such terms as may be permitted by law; and to elect: two selectmen for three years, one trustee of trust funds for three years, one library trustee for three years, one moderator for two years, one cemetery trustee for three years, one water commissioner for three years, one water commissioner for two years, two budget committee members for three years, two planning board members for three years, one planning board member for two years, one supervisor of the checklist for six years, two zoning board members for three years and one zoning board member for two years.

ARTICLE # 2: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 330, Elderly Housing to decrease the allowable dwelling units per structure from four (4) to three (3) dwelling units per structure. Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the current Elderly Housing ordinance and clarify existing language.

ARTICLE # 3: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300, Section 330:5:4; "Overall density of elderly housing developments shall not exceed 3 dwelling units per acre excluding wetlands and steep slopes." and replace with "Overall density of elderly housing developments shall not exceed 3 dwelling structures per acre excluding wetlands, steep slopes, and roadways". Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen the current Elderly Housing ordinance and clarify existing language.

ARTICLE # 4: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400 Section 463:A;2; Restrictions Governing Use to amend "Duplexes and Multi-family dwellings must have a minimum of one acre per unit" and amend it to read "Duplexes and Multi-family dwellings must have a minimum of one acre per structure" and to remove the language "~~and no more than one duplex or multi-family dwelling per lot~~".

Rationale: The purpose of this amendment is to strengthen and clarify the existing language of the ordinance.

ARTICLE # 5: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 300 to include Section 332: Sexually Oriented Business (full text can be viewed in the Planning Department). Rationale: It is the purpose of this amendment to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses and related activities to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Alton and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent the deleterious location and concentration of Sexually Oriented Businesses within the Town of Alton. The provisions of this Ordinance have neither the purpose nor effect of imposing a limitation or restriction on the content of any communicative materials, including sexually

oriented materials. Without this, sexually oriented business is unrestricted and allowed in all zones.

ARTICLE # 6: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 500 Section 520:D Special Exception to include “Sexually Oriented Businesses” as specific required criteria to be granted a Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to Planning Board approval. Rational: To clearly establish required criteria of being granted a Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustment prior to developing any sexually oriented business within the town.

ARTICLE # 7: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200 Definitions, to amend the definition “Dwelling Unit: a room or group of rooms located within a dwelling structure forming a single habitable unit with facilities used or intended to be used by a single family for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating.” Rationale: To clarify the difference between a dwelling structure and a dwelling unit.

ARTICLE # 8: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 200 Definitions, to include a definition “Dwelling Structure: any enclosed space wholly or partly used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking, and eating.” Rationale: To clarify the difference between a dwelling structure and a dwelling unit.

ARTICLE # 9: The Planning Board proposes to amend Article 400, Section 401 Permitted Uses: Table of Uses to allow Sexually Oriented Business in the Recreational Service Zone by Special Exception through the Zoning Board of Adjustments as well as Site Plan approval through the Planning Board. Rational: To restrict Sexually Oriented Business within the Recreational Service zone. Without this, sexually oriented business is unrestricted.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds which have no balance or interest.

Town Buildings	1987
Library Additions	1993
Fire Department Radios	1999
Portable Pump	2000
Water Department Vehicle	2001

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$103,500.00)** the purpose of purchasing & equipping three police vehicles SUV to be funded by a grant in the amount of (\$19,235.00) and from the fund balance in the amount of (\$84,265) with no dollars to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2010 [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0). (A majority vote is required)]

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00)** to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. These funds are being used to deal with the contamination at the landfill and to meet the state regulatory requirements. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00)** to be placed in the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund, as previously established. Said funds are recommended by the Town Auditors to be used to pay for benefits accrued by Town Employees and redeemed when they leave employment with the Town of Alton, in accordance with the Town Personnel Policy. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the sale of town property listed below and the proceeds to be deposited into a capital reserve for the purpose of building repairs, improvements and expansion. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** to be added to the Solid Waste Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Commissioners to enter into a four year lease/purchase agreement for **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00)** for the purpose of leasing/purchasing /equipping a truck with an aluminum utility body and raise and appropriate the sum of **(\$10,000.00)** for the first years lease payment for that purpose. The lease/purchase agreement must contain an escape (non appropriation) clause. The total amount shall be borne by the water system rate payers and not by general taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2013. [Recommended by Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)]. (A majority vote is required).

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)** to be added to the Recreation/Grounds Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. This capital reserve is to fund maintenance equipment for the grounds, parks and sidewalks snow removal. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a milfoil treatment programs and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7500)** to be placed in this fund. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Milfoil Treatment Program fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee(6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose Senior Center Building Fund to maintain, improve and expand the facility located on Pearson Road and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)** to be placed in this fund. Also to vote to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from the Senior Center Building Fund. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (Majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Dollars (\$00)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Dollars (\$00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alton or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$128,597.00)** and to authorize the withdrawal of the \$128,597.00 from the Ambulance Operation Fund as previously established under RSA 31: 95c for the purpose of the ambulance personnel wages, ambulance supplies & equipment, training, and vehicle fuel/maintenance. This appropriation is covered by the revenue from the ambulance insurance payments and there will be no funds raised from general taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000)** for the replacement/upgrade of the fire boat from one engine to two engines as recommended by the Dealer, to be funded from the fund balance in the amount of \$28,000 and no dollars to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 31:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31, 2013. [Recommended by Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)]. (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000)** to be added to the Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve Fund as previously established. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)** to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve and to be funded by \$50,000 from fund balance and no tax dollars to be raised by taxation. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00)** to be added to the Highway Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund, as previously established. Said amount is partially offset by revenues from the Highway Block Grant Fund estimated to be \$175,049.85. This is an annual appropriation that provides for the reconstruction of existing roadways. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (6-0)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$8,996.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Action Program which provides supplemental food, fuel, utility, transportation, meals on wheels, weatherization assistance, Women, Infants and Children food assistance program (WIC). This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Dollars (\$7951.00)** for the purpose of supporting the VNA Hospice which is a non-profit agency that provides health care, hospice care and maternal child health services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Community Health and Hospice, which provides visiting nurse, homemaker and hospice services to residents. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$2,280.00)** for the purpose of supporting the American Red Cross which provide disaster relief, shelters, basic household necessities and counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Alton Community Services which provides a food pantry and assistance programs for fuel, prescriptions, utilities, housing in close coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$284.00)** for the purpose of supporting the Medication Bridge Prescription Program which is a not for profit volunteer program that provides assistance to residents in need of prescriptions in coordination with the Alton Welfare Department. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting the New Beginnings which provides 24 hour crisis support for domestic/sexual assault victims, operate a shelter and provide counseling. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation is recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00)** for the purpose of supporting Genesis which provides mental health care to area residents, services for children, elders, along with other emergency services. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00)** for the purpose of supporting Caregivers Transportation which provides free transportation to handicapped, elderly and other residents needing assistance with all these services provided by volunteers. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for the purpose of supporting CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) which provides advocacy for abused and neglected children. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (4-2)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2,400.00)** for the purpose of supporting Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI and will not lapse until completed or by December 31st 2010. [Appropriation recommended by the Selectmen (5-0) and by the Budget Committee (5-1)] (A majority vote is required)

ARTICLE 37: We the undersigned, being voters in the Town of Alton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2010 annual meeting:

“To see if the town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Town Beach capital reserve of \$25,000. by expanding its use to allow for maintenance of the Town Beach and Harmony Park.” (2/3 vote required).

ARTICLE 38: We the undersigned, being voters in the Town of Alton hereby petition the Board of Selectmen of said town to place the following article on the warrant for the 2010 annual meeting:

“Shall we delegate the duties and responsibilities of the Cemetery Trustees to the Board of Selectmen?”

If the majority vote in the affirmative then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 39: We, the following duly registered voters in the Town of Alton, do hereby respectfully submit the following question to be acted upon by the voters of said town at the next annual election:

“To see if the Town will vote to put into place a restriction that the salaries of the Town Selectmen- including and not limited to Cost of Living Allowances(COLA’s) – can only be changed by the voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Such determination will be by written ballot”

ARTICLE 40: We the undersigned registered voters of Alton, New Hampshire hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to include as a Warrant Article at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting the following:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representative(s), our State Senator, the Speaker of the House, and Senate President.

Resolved: The Citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines “marriage”.

ARTICLE 41: To hear any reports of any committee, board, trustees, commissions, officials, agents or concerned voters and to vote to accept the same. Furthermore, to conduct any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

UNDER SEAL OF THE TOWN and given under our hand on this the 22nd day of January 2010, the Alton Board of Selectmen. ATTEST:

Stephan McMahon, Chairman_____

Patricia Fuller, Vice Chairman _____

Peter Bolster, Selectman_____

R. Loring Carr, Selectman_____

David Hussey _____